

# Announcements

for the week of September 8, 2019

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Child care is available with trained staff in our nursery, Room 209, 8:45 a.m. until the end of the Second Service.

We resume services at 9 & 11 a.m. Both services will be held in the Sanctuary. All are welcome at either service.

The festive 10 o'clock hour will include light treats, group karaoke and a bouncy slide. Regular Sundays @ 10 begin on Sept. 15, with fellowship in Jones Commons, Meditation in the Chapel, Text Talks in the Fireside Room and Forum conversations in Jackman.

Church School begins Sunday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m. Want to register your child? Have questions? Please contact Nina Jonson, [ninaj@plymouth.org](mailto:ninaj@plymouth.org).

**Please note:** Starting this fall, we will not provide lunch service on Sundays. Wednesday dinner service resumes Sept. 11, at 5 p.m., as outlined in the September issue of the *Flame*.

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## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

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**Opens today, reception next Sunday: *Saving Mother Earth*, exhibiting works by six artists, is on view in the Conn Art Gallery!** Don't miss this important and intriguing show. Artists' reception takes place Sept. 15, following the 11 a.m. service.

**Starts tomorrow, Sept. 9! Step Back, Listen Up: Stories we all need to hear.** For this new series, we have partnered with six groups, asking them to present a performance that tells a story from their perspective that is counter to the dominant narrative of their community. They are:

- Blackout Improv, Sept. 9
- Irreducible Grace Foundation, Sept. 23
- Interact Center for the Arts, Oct. 7
- Alliance of Latinx MN Artists (ALMA), Oct. 21
- Washburn High School Black Box Theatre, Nov. 4
- zAmya Theater, Nov. 18

The series begins Monday, Sept. 9, and runs every other Monday night in our Chapel until Nov 18. **Reserve your free ticket at [www.theater45.com](http://www.theater45.com)**

**Dance together:** FREE Vivir Mi Vida Salsa classes every Thursday 7–9 p.m., are for all ages; no dance experience or partner needed; walk-ins welcome! Co-sponsored by Vivir Mi Vida Dance and Cuba Connect.

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## OUTREACH

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**Plymouth members attend deportation hearings every Thursday at the Whipple Federal Building.** We meet at Plymouth at 9:30 or at Whipple at 9:45. For more details or to arrange a carpool, contact Mary Kay Sauter, 651/216-4172, [mksauter67@comcast.net](mailto:mksauter67@comcast.net) by Tuesday evening. This is a good way to learn about our immigration system and to support detainees and their families.

**Farmers' market** in our Nicollet-Franklin parking lot corner. Come buy fresh veggies and flowers from local farmers, 2:00 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, through early fall!

**The Racial Justice Initiative Reading List:** Curious about racial justice issues? From an insightful podcast, to videos, books and magazines, we have a webpage for you: [www.plymouth.org/2019/02/25/racial-justice-bibliography/](http://www.plymouth.org/2019/02/25/racial-justice-bibliography/) **We also have a selected set of racial justice-themed books in our Elaine Marsh Library available for loan.** Do you have suggestions or ideas to offer? Please send them to Seth, [sethp@plymouth.org](mailto:sethp@plymouth.org).

**BLT (Beacon Leadership Team):** Mark your calendar now for **Beacon's Congregation Convening, Thursday, Sept. 26, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**, Colonial Church, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina. Minnesota Housing Commissioner Jennifer Ho will address this gathering of Beacon collaborating congregations. Hear about important updates and commitments to action. Go to [www.beaconinterfaith.org](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org) and register for this important event. For more information, contact Lee Mauk, 612/827-4147.

**BOOKS FOR BORDER KIDS** ([booksforborderkids.org](http://booksforborderkids.org)), created by a concerned Twin Cities group who believe that books can stir a child's imagination and enrich young lives, and who teamed with two local bookstores that are dedicated and eager to help young readers—Red Balloon Bookshop in St. Paul and Wild Rumpus Books in Minneapolis. The bookstores have agreed to facilitate the purchase of bilingual, Spanish or Portuguese books and provide free shipping to a distribution center in New Mexico. Between now and October 31, visit [booksforborderkids.org](http://booksforborderkids.org), and click on the "Send Books" link to select and purchase books through Red Balloon or Wild Rumpus. If you would rather designate a dollar amount for books, you may do so at the same bookstore link and the staff will select the books for you. You can also purchase these books in person at the two bookstores. Be sure to mention that they are for Books for Border Kids.

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## LEARNING AND INVOLVEMENT

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**Care for the Earth** this week by washing your laundry in cold water whenever possible. As much as 85 percent of the energy used to machine-wash clothing goes to heating the water. Cold water generally works as well and keeps your clothes looking newer longer than hot water washing. To suggest a tip, send it to Plymouth's Climate and Environment Justice group via Tim Fremouw, [tefremouw@gmail.com](mailto:tefremouw@gmail.com).

**Cuba Connect:** Please join Plymouth Church members on a 10-day guided trip to Cuba, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3 to Feb. 13, 2020. A meeting for interested travelers will take place Sunday, Sept. 29 at 12:15 p.m., in the Parsons Room. For any questions, please contact Tom Anderson (612/867-0932) or Nancy Albrecht (612/377-8030) or (612-280-0908).

**Join Plymouth members John Breitingner & Jeff Hall on the annual OneVillage Partners trip to Sierra Leone** for a week in early November! Visit a historic slave castle, live with a host family in the villages for several days, see the dramatic impact of OVP's work in 21 villages with 25,000 people and then enjoy a fabulous beach on your final day. Learn more Sunday, Sept. 15 at noon after worship. Room TBD. For info, please call John at 612/867-2512.

,Thank you to everyone who has donated items for Third Wednesday Drop-in bingo. Prizes are much appreciated, always. At this moment, we are still looking for especially practical things like shampoo, paper towels, Kleenex, and the like. These are wonderful as most Strobel Drop-in participants live on very limited incomes. Donations can be left in the bingo box by the entrance to the church. Questions can go to Larry Johnson, Drop-in Coordinator, 612/977-1282

**Can you help? The Plymouth Church library needs helpers** for a number of small jobs: Moving the book A-frame on Sunday morning before worship, checking out books on the computer (20 min.) and shelving books. A short, easy and important contribution to keeping our church community rolling. Email Meg at [mgisslen@outlook.com](mailto:mgisslen@outlook.com).

**One More Chair** is an adult fellowship group that is ALWAYS OPEN to new members. We seek fun conversation and memorable times together. The OMC Planning Committee organizes large-group activities about four times per year. Numerous other activities are planned by smaller interest groups. For additional information and to receive invitations to upcoming OMC events, contact Jackie Prince at [jhmprince@outlook.com](mailto:jhmprince@outlook.com).

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## CARING AND SUPPORT

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**Say "Plymouth Cares" with Flowers**—On most Sundays, the Sanctuary flowers are arranged into bouquets after worship. If you know someone who would appreciate a bouquet, go to the Flower Room after the postlude. First come, first served.

**Grief Education and Support**—On Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., support for those who have lost loved ones. **Next meeting is Sept. 14.** Held at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis. For details, please see <http://mplsgriefsupport.com>

[com/schedule/](http://mplsgriefsupport.com/schedule/) or contact Nancy Albrecht 612/377-8030 or Tom Anderson 612/867-0932.

**Faith Partners in Recovery:** Do you have an addiction? Has your tolerance increased? If you or a family member or a friend needs help, resources are available. You are not alone. Contact Beth Hoffman Faeth, [bethf@plymouth.org](mailto:bethf@plymouth.org) or 612/977-1286, for more information or support.

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## SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

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**Conversations from the Heart Practice Group meets on Wednesdays, 10 a.m.** Dr. Yvette Erasmus leads; open to anyone wanting to practice compassionate communication in community with others. \$10–\$25 requested per session. To R.S.V.P., email [yvette@yvetteerasmus.com](mailto:yvette@yvetteerasmus.com) or call 612/208-7216. Contact [anneseltz@aol.com](mailto:anneseltz@aol.com) for more information.

**Contemplative prayer**—You are invited to the Chapel, Tuesdays, at 9 a.m., for a half-hour of contemplative prayer.

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## AND MORE...

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**Are you getting our Friday email?** Every Friday, the church office sends out a brief email message with upcoming events, worship highlights and more. To opt in, send an email to [churchinfo@plymouth.org](mailto:churchinfo@plymouth.org) with "Friday" in the subject line.

**Gifts of stock are wonderful—and we need your help to track and acknowledge them!** To assure that your stock gifts have been received and you have been given credit for the gift, please email Joy Hansen at [joyh@plymouth.org](mailto:joyh@plymouth.org) with the name of the stock gifted, the number of shares and how you would like them applied. If you have gifted stock in the last month and have yet to receive an acknowledgement letter, please contact Joy Hansen in the accounting office at 612/977-1265.

**Texting to Give to Plymouth—Text the amount you want to give to 612/999-2874.** The first time only, you will see a form requesting contact and credit-card information. You may give a one-time gift. Or you may set up a recurring pledge payment. Recurring gifts will continue as long as your credit card is valid and your phone is active; **NO MORE HAVING TO SET UP A RECURRING GIFT EACH YEAR TO PAY YOUR PLEDGE!** Or, whenever you have an urge to give to Plymouth, just text the amount to 612/999-2874. Questions? Contact Joy Hansen, [joyh@plymouth.org](mailto:joyh@plymouth.org) or 612/977-1265.

**Honor an occasion, a special person or the memory of a loved one by sponsoring flowers** in the Sanctuary or Guild Hall. Sponsoring flowers costs \$75; sponsorship is noted in the bulletin. Contact Allison Campbell Jensen in the office, 612/977-1269.

**Submit announcements** (400 characters or fewer) to the Church Office for the following Sunday by noon on Tuesday. Tell us which Sundays you'd like the announcement to run and your name, phone number and e-mail address. Send it to Allison Campbell Jensen, Communication Director ([publications@plymouth.org](mailto:publications@plymouth.org)). Announcements are subject to approval, may be edited and must be Plymouth-related.